

# DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE COOKSTOVE SECTOR

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Winrock International, through the **Developing a Sustainable Cookstove Sector** (DSCS) Program (2012 – 2017), are working to mitigate negative climate, health, and other development impacts caused by the inefficient use of biomass fuels for cooking through the development of sustainable cookstoves markets that will lead to widespread adoption of clean, efficient cooking solutions.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM, IN REACHING THIS OVERALL GOAL, INCLUDE:

- Strengthening private commercial distribution of high-quality biomass stoves
- Encouraging innovative partnerships to improve last mile delivery and financing of stoves to consumers
- Increasing availability of local financing for consumers and enterprises
- Expanding consumer access to cleaner and more efficient stoves and fuels



THESE OBJECTIVES ARE BEING ADVANCED THROUGH FIVE STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES:

- Assessments, studies and evaluations
- Technical assistance
- Pilot projects and innovative approaches
- Production and dissemination of best practices and lessons learned
- Gender and women's empowerment activities

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

- Three financial products established or strengthened through local financial institutions to provide greater access to credit for cookstove consumers and enterprises
- More than 20,000 high-quality biomass cookstoves sold through financial institution distribution channels established through Winrock and USAID support
- 47 trainers trained in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Indonesia, to deliver key business, empowerment, and leadership training to energy entrepreneurs.
- More than 10,000 person-hours of training facilitated for over 500 energy entrepreneurs in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, India, Indonesia and Nepal completed by trainers certified under Winrock's Empowered Entrepreneur Training Program (EETP).



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